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# **Guide to the Yale University Department of Astronomy Collection of Astronomical Reference Materials**

**GEN MSS 731**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 731

**CREATOR:** Yale University. Department of Astronomy , collector

**TITLE:** Yale University Department of Astronomy collection of astronomical reference materials

**DATES:** 1859-1984

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 70 linear feet (84 boxes + 27 broadside)

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** Astronomical reference materials, including star charts, atlases, catalogs, and maps. The collection also includes fourteen manuscript volumes documenting parallaxes, photographs of the moon taken by Lunar Orbiter I, II, and III in the 1960s, and a small amount of material related to Yale's observatory, including records of the Trustees of the Winchester Observatory from 1871.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale University Department of Astronomy, 2010.

## **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

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## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Preferred Citation**

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **Arrangement**

Organized into three series: I. Star charts, undated. II. Parallaxes, 1920s-1930s. III. Other materials and photographs, 1859-1984.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Star charts, Undated

70 boxes

The Star Charts in this series are arranged by their declination. Declination is comparable to geographic latitude but projected onto the celestial sphere. The arrangement starts with the southern pole star ( $-90^\circ$ ), works towards the celestial equator ( $0^\circ$ ) and ends with the northern pole star ( $+90^\circ$ ).

b.1	$-25^\circ$ 2 Folders
b.2	$-25^\circ, -16^\circ$ 2 Folders
b.3	$-25^\circ, -11^\circ$ 2 Folders
b.4	$-16^\circ$ 2 Folders
b.5	$-15^\circ$ 2 Folders
b.6	$-15^\circ, -13^\circ, -11^\circ$ 3 Folders
b.7	$-13^\circ$ 2 Folders
b.8	$-11^\circ$ 2 Folders
b.9	$-9^\circ$
b.10	$-9^\circ$
b.11	$-9^\circ$
b.12	$-7^\circ$ 2 Folders
b.13	$-7^\circ$
b.14	$-7^\circ$
b.15	$-6^\circ$
b.16	$-5^\circ$ 2 Folders
b.17	$-5^\circ$ 2 Folders
b.18	$-3^\circ$ 2 Folders

b. 19	-3°, -1° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 20	-1°
b. 21	-1°
b. 22	+1°
b. 23	+1° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 24	+3°
b. 25	+3°, +4°, +5° <i>3 Folders</i>
b. 26	+3°, +7° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 27	+5°
b. 28	+5°
b. 29	+5°, +7° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 30	+7°
b. 31	+7°
b. 32	+9°
b. 33	+9°
b. 34	+9°
b. 35	+11° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 36	+12° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 37	+12° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 38	+14°
b. 39	+14°
b. 40	+14°
b. 41	+16°
b. 42	+16°
b. 43	+16° <i>2 Folders</i>

b. 44	+18°
b. 45	+18°
b. 46	+18°
b. 47	+20°
b. 48	+20°
b. 49	+20°
b. 50	+22°
b. 51	+22° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 52	+22°, +24° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 53	+22°, +33° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 54	+24°, +33° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 55	+24°, +33° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 56	+35°
b. 57	+35°
b. 58	+37°
b. 59	+37°
b. 60	+39°
b. 61	+39°
b. 62	+55° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 63	+55°, +56° <i>2 Folders</i>
b. 64	+57°
b. 65	+57°
b. 66	+59°
b. 67	+59°
b. 68	+61° <i>2 Folders</i>

b. 69            +63°  
                  2 *Folders*  
                  These folders also contain loose notes.

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b. 70            +63°

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**Series II: Parallaxes, 1920s-1930s***4 boxes*

This series consists of bound manuscript astronomical parallaxes. A parallax is an apparent displacement or difference in the position of an object viewed along two different lines of sight.

Arranged in numerical order by volume number.

b. 71	Parallaxes, volumes 1-4 This box contains four volumes: Volume 1 contains parallaxes 1 through 98. Volume 2 contains parallaxes 99 through 209. Volume 3 contains parallaxes 210 through 305, and Volume 4 contains parallaxes 305 through 399.	1920s-1930s
b. 72	Parallaxes, volumes 5-8 This box contains four volumes: Volume 5 contains parallaxes 400 through 475. Volume 6 contains parallaxes 476 through 571. Volume 7 contains parallaxes 572 through 661, and Volume 8 contains parallaxes 662 through 757.	1920s-1930s
b. 73	Parallaxes, volumes 9-12 This box contains four volumes: Volume 9 contains parallaxes 758 through 851. Volume 10 contains parallaxes 852 through 947. Volume 11 contains parallaxes 948 through 1048, and Volume 12 contains parallaxes 1049 through 1144.	1920s-1930s
b. 74	Parallaxes, volumes 13-14 This box contains two volumes: Volume 13 contains parallaxes 1145 through 1227, and Volume 14 contains parallaxes 1228 through 1323.	1920s-1930s

**Series III: Other materials and photographs, 1859-1984***11 boxes 27 broadsides*

This series consists of material pertaining to the work of Yale's observatory, which was called the Winchester Observatory until 1920; reference materials; maps and photographs of the moon including those taken by NASA's Lunar Orbiters in the 1960s; and star charts produced by the Bonner Durchmusterung and Cordoba Durchmusterung projects in the late nineteenth through early twentieth century.

b. 74	Typed index to interleaved B.D. catalogues	1920s-1930s
b. 74	<i>Astronomische Beobachtungen auf der Sternwarte</i> , by Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm August Argelander., -2° bis +19°	1859
b. 74	<i>Astronomische Beobachtungen auf der Sternwarte</i> , by Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm August Argelander., +41° bis +90°	1862
b. 74	<i>Astronomische Beobachtungen auf der Sternwarte</i> , by Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm August Argelander., -2° bis +23°	1886
b. 75	<i>Astronomische Beobachtungen auf der Sternwarte</i> , by Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm August Argelander.	1861
b. 76	Selected areas proper motions. Correspondence:- Dr. P.U. van Ryhn, Groningen.	
b. 76	Yale University Observatory Register	1901
b. 77	Trustees of the Winchester Observatory. Records	1871
b. 78	Lick Moon Photo, 2-19.	
b. 79	Asteroid Observing Book – N.H. Field Plates	1936 May – 1939 March
b. 79	Roy, Arthur J. – Yale Index to Star Catalogues , list of omissions	circa 1919
b. 79	Yale College Observatory, Indexes for Foreign and Domestic Observatory Libraries, Directors, etc.	1882
b. 79	Yale College Observatory, Thermometric Bureau Index, Book no. 60	1896 August – 1897 September
b. 80 (Oversize)	Accession Catalog	
b. 80 (Oversize)	Transit of Venus in 1874. Atlas to Part II.	
b. 81 (Oversize)	Lunar Maps (contact prints) <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 82 (Oversize)	Lunar Orbiter I, II, III Photographs <i>4 Folders</i> See Also: Box 85 (Broadside).	1966
b. 83 (Oversize)	<i>Atlas der Himmelszone zwischen 1° und 23° Sublicher Declination</i> ; Schonenfeld, p. 41-64	1951
b. 83 (Oversize)	Vehrenberg Atlas Stellarum 1950.0	1970

b. 84 (Oversize)	Stern-Atlas charts 1-27 4 Folders	1925
b. 85 (Broadside)	Lunar Orbiter I, II, III Photographs	1966
b. 86 (Broadside)	Astrocharts Unlimited - Barry N. Rappaport	1984
b. 87 (Broadside)	Astrocharts Unlimited - Barry N. Rappaport	1984
b. 88 (Broadside)	Astrocharts Unlimited - Barry N. Rappaport	1984
b. 89 (Broadside)	Astrocharts Unlimited - Barry N. Rappaport	1984
b. 90 (Broadside)	<i>Atlas des Nördlichen Gestirnten Himmels</i> - Bonn, 1855	1855
	Bonner Durchmusterung (Bonn Sampling) Star Charts	circa 1898
b. 91 (Broadside)	BD 1-3	circa 1898
b. 92 (Broadside)	BD 4-6	circa 1898
b. 93 (Broadside)	BD 7-9	circa 1898
b. 94 (Broadside)	BD 10-12	circa 1898
b. 95 (Broadside)	BD 13-15	circa 1898
b. 96 (Broadside)	BD 16-18	circa 1898
b. 97 (Broadside)	BD 19-21	circa 1898
b. 98 (Broadside)	BD 22-24	circa 1898
b. 99 (Broadside)	BD 25-27	circa 1898
b. 100 (Broadside)	BD 28-30	circa 1898
b. 101 (Broadside)	BD 31-33	circa 1898
b. 102 (Broadside)	BD 34-36	circa 1898
b. 103 (Broadside)	BD 37-38	circa 1898
b. 104 (Broadside)	BD 39-40	circa 1898
b. 105 (Broadside)	<i>Córdoba Durchmusterung Mapas</i>	1893
b. 106 (Broadside)	<i>Córdoba Durchmusterung Mapas</i>	1893
b. 107 (Broadside)	<i>Zonas de Exploración Cielo Austral, Cordoba</i>	1929

## Córdoba Durchmusterung (Córdoba Sampling) Star Charts

b. 108  
(Broadside)

CD 1-3

b. 109  
(Broadside)

CD 4-6

b. 110  
(Broadside)

CD 7-9

b. 111  
(Broadside)

CD 10-12

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Astronomical observatories  
Astronomy  
Stars